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SUBJ: LOS: AFRICAN POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL STRAITS

1. EMBOFF HAD BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH MALICK DIA, GOS DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM OAU CHIEFS OF STATE CONFERENCE, MOGADISCIO, AND WHO IS PROCEEDING TO CARACAS MID-JULY TO JOIN SENEGALESE LOS DELEGATION.

2. ACCORDING DIA, ALTHOUGH OAU CONFERENCE TOOK NO FINAL POSITION ON STRAITS ISSUE BECAUSE OF LACK OF CONSENSUS, QUESTION WAS VOTED ON AT ONE POINT. TWENTY-SIX CONTRIES VOTED FOR "FREE TRANSIT IN TIME OF PEACE" - NINE WERE AGAINST AND THREE ABSTAINED. THOSE OPPOSED INCLUDED "RADICALS" SUCH AS, GUINEA AND SOMALIA.

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ACCORDING DIA, UNDER TERMS OF RESOLUTION, WARSHIPS COULD

PASS THROUGH STRAITS IN TIME OF PEACE WITHOUT NECESSITY FOR
APPROVAL ADJACENT COASTAL STATES.

3. SENEGAL VOTED FOR FREE TRANSIT AND, ACCORDING DIA,
IS SYMPATHETIC NEED TO ACCOMMODATE MARITIME POWERS.
SINCE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HERE REPEATEDLY STRESSED
TO EMBASSY THAT SENEGAL INTENDS FOLLOW AFRICAN CONSENSUS
ON ALL LOS ISSUES, HOWEVER, SENEGALESE DELEGATION MAY BE
RELUCTANT COMMIT ITSELF AT THIS STAGE IN ABSENCE FORMAL
AFRICAN CONSENSUS.
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